THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1918.

BOND ISSUE OF \$35,000 HALTED **BY MAYOR SMITH**

Council Agrees to Abandon Contemplated Purchase of Eagle Hall in Florence for Fire Department.

Mayor Smith and the city commissioners, in session Tuesday, agreed that the bond issue for \$35,000 for the purchase of the Eagle hall, at Florence, for fire department quarters for that section should be entirely ignored.

The proposition for the bond issue was submitted at the recent municipal election and received a large majority.

Mayor Smith, in a communication to the commissioners, said he had investigated all the matters pertaining to the passage of the ordinance and contracts what had been entered into between the promoters of the deal natural death.

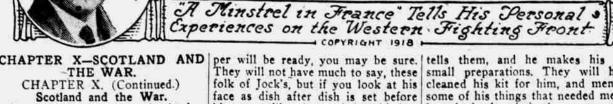
Mayor's Action Approved.

Members of the commission agreed to the action of the mayor on the grounds that it would cost more to remodel the building than it would be worth for fire hall purposes and they would stand par on refusal to issue the bonds for purchase until ordered

to do so by the courts. Members of the West Leavenworth Improvement club petitioned that the commission hold at least two night sessions of the body every month, so workingmen and others employed during the day would be enabled to have access to the council to make recommendations or objections to legislation affecting them. The matter was taken under advisement.

Action was taken toward re-trenchment and economy when Lucien Steph-ens, secretary of the library board, sked permission of council to dispose of a roadster car, formerly used by the library board employes, on the ground that the car was costly in upkeep and operation. He said that more economical means had been found to deliver books to branch libraries.

Commissioner Ringer, the Missouri around the station, but it would not down town again, and exchanges a Pacific railroad company was ordered come into Jock's mind to hail one of few words with friends and learns, to place a crossing watchman at the the drivers. He has been used to perhaps, of boys who haven't been



Let me tell you how Scotland takes this war. Let me show you the home-coming of a Scottish soldier, back

work!

his possessions and his kit are on his would rather make him welcome so, back-why, I'll be all right." of burden than the natty creature old demonstrations of delight and of af-tradition taught us to think a soldier fection. must always be. On his boots there

Leave long enough to let him come to Scotland-a long road it is from France to Scotland these days!-has been a rare thing for Jock. He will have been campaigning a long time to earn it-months certainly, and maybe even years. Perhaps he was one of these who went out first. He may

have been mentioned in dispatches; there may be a distinguished conduct medal hidden about him somewhereworth all the iron crosses the kaiser ever gave! He has seen many a bloody field, be sure of that. He has heard the sounding of the gas alarm, and maybe got a whiff of the dirty poison will be the question. gas the Huns turned loose against our boys. He has looked death in the face so often that he has grown used to maybe. If he were not all right, how and has settled down into a matter of him. But now he is back in Scotland. safe and sound, free from battle and lost both legs, or an arm, or if he had the work of the trenches for a space, home to gain new strength for his answer. Those words have become a

next bout with Fritz across the water. Sort of slogan for the British army, When he gets off the train Jock that typify its spirit. looks about him, from force of habit. Jock's walk is soo Jock's walk is soon over, and he But no one has come to the station to goes home, by an old path that is

On the recommendation of Police comfortably across his back, and discusses the affairs of the com-mmissioner Ringer the Missioner Ringer the Ring

per will be ready, you may be sure. | tells them, and he makes his few They will not have much to say, these small preparations. They will have folk of Jock's, but if you look at his cleaned his kit for him, and mended face as dish after dish is set before some of his things that needed mendhim, you will understand that this is a ing. And when it is time to go they feast that has been prepared for him. help him on with his pack and he

Darry Lauder in the War Zone

They may have been going without kisses his mother and the girls goodfrom the trenches on leave. Why, he is all sorts of good things themselves, by, and shakes hands with his father. received with no more ceremony than but they have contrived in some "Well, goodby," Jock says. He if he were coming home from his day's fashion to have them all for Jock. All might be going to work in a factory a Scotland has tightened its belt, and few miles off. "I'll be all right. Good-Donald—or Jock might be his name, or Andy!—steps from the train at his old hame town. He is fresh from the mud of the Flanders trenches, and all is none too good. And Jock's folk back again. And if I shouldn't come

back, so that he is more like a beast by proof that takes no words, than by So he goes, and they stand looking

that ever happened," said General Freight Agent Lane. "We had just why he is going, and where, and

As he eats, they gather round him makes a move to follow him, maybe. are still dried blobs of mud from some at the board, and they tell him all the But he marches off down the street, hole in France that is like a crater in gossip of the neighborhood. He does alone, never looking back, and is waitand the members of the former city council. He had found the property so unsuit-so vague and the property so unsuit-able he advised no action be taken. able he advised no action be taken and the bonds not issued, letting the whole matter go by default and die a matural datation be taken whole matter go by default and die a be blood.

he has eaten his fill, he lights his pipe And in just two days Jock will have again, and sits about. And maybe, as traveled the length of England, and it grows dark, he takes a bit walk into crossed the channel, and ridden up town. He walks slowly, as if he is to the front. He will have reported glad for once he need not be in a himself, and have been ordered, with hurry, and he stops to look into shop his company, into the trenches. And windows as if he had never seen their on the third night, had you followed stocks before, though you may be sure him, you might see him peering over that, in a Scottish village, he has seen the parapet at the lines of the Hun, everything they have to offer hun- across No Man's Land, and listening to the whine of bullets and the shrick dreds of times.

He will meet friends, maybe, and of shells over his head, with a star they will stop and nod to him. And, shell, maybe, to throw a green light upon him for a moment. perhaps, one of six will stop longer.

"How are you getting on, Jock?" So it is that a warrior comes and hat a warrior goes in a land where "All right!" Jock will say. And he war is war; in a land where war has will think the question rather fatuous, become the business of all every day,

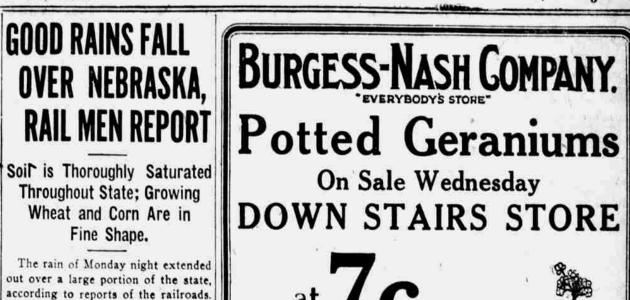
should he be there? But if Jock had routine (Continued Tomorrow.)

been blinded, that would still be his Boy From Omaha Upon

West Front Breaks Leg Charles Hoye, 3042 Spring street. He

Rev. John Gordon, for many years meet him, and he looks as if that gave known to him, every foot of it, and pastor of the Westminster Presbytehim neither surprise nor concern. For goes to bed in his own bed. He has tian church, has just been informed a minute, perhaps, he will look around not broken into the routine of the by cable that his son, First Lieutenant him, wondering, I think, that the household, and he sees no reason why John Gordon, United States reserves, things are so much as they were, fix- he should. And the next day it is who was born in Omaha, had his leg powered seven-pasenger car used by ing in his mind the old familiar scenes much the same for him. He gets up as broken in an airplane accident in that have brought him cheer so often early as he ever did, and he is likely France, where he has been for six the department of public affairs to the in black, deadly nights in the trenches, to do a few odd bits of work that his months in the aviation section of the police department. Ringer asked if or in lonely billets out there in France. father has not had time to come to. American expeditionary forces. He is this action would do away with the And then, quietly, and as if he were He talks with his mother and the reported as doing finely. Dr. Gordon's this action would do away with the chauffeur of the car, and thereply was indeed just home from some short girls of all sorts of little, common-that the chauffeur was automatically trip, he shifts his pack, so that it lies place things, and with his father he United States reserves, is also in figure and discusses the affairs of the com-france in the 306th field artillery.

Mayor Smith Speaks Up At Meeting of City Council The Rev. J. M. Wilson will officiate at the funeral services which will be "I do not think that the right of at Hulse & Riepen's chapel. Inter-



On the Union Pacific main line all

North Platte none was reported.

held our breath as long as we possibly

could and the rains of the last week

soil and subsoil are saturated. Pas-

tures are green and luxuriant and the

fields of growing wheat and corn are

City office today stating that Kansas will produce 100,000,000 bushels of

wheat this year on 7,000,000 acres.

That is nearly 15 bushels per acre

MANUFACTURER

CALLED BY DEATH

William H. Gatewood, pioneer brick

nanufacturer of Omaha and resident

of this city for many years, died Mon-

day at the home of his daughter, Mrs.

Mr. Gatewood was born in Shelby-ville, Ind., September 25, 1834, and

came to Omaha in 1878, having been

identified with the principal brick

manufacturing concerns in the city

prior to his going into business for

prior to his death, owing to an ac-cident which befell him at his plant

some years ago. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs.

Charles Hoye, and a sister, Mrs. Jane Badger, both of Omaha, and two

brothers, James, of Papillion, and Joel, of Decatur.

himself. He had not been actively engaged in business for over 30 years

was 81 years old.

which is going strong for Kansas.'

PIONEER BRICK

We got a report from our Kansas

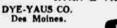
in fine shape.

the stations between Omaha and Grand Island, and between North Platte and Cheyenne reported good S EVERAL thousand potted geran-iums, with pink or red blooms, rains. Between Grand Island and offered Wednesday, in the Down "This certainly is the finest thing Stairs Store, at 7c each.

Healthy, hardy plants, just right g for flower beds, window boxes, etc. An opportune time to secure geraniums for Decoration Day.

No phone or mail orders accepted, up the rainfall up to May 20. It was and we cannot deliver the plants at this price. small fraction of what we should have had. But now we are fixed up. The Burgess-Nash Co .- Down Stairs Store





named as a committee to investigate swinging soldier's stride. the need for a municipal garage for cars used by the city in other than

the fire and police departments. checkers at \$60 per month, one swim-ming pool foreman at \$100 per month and three assistants at \$90 per month was confirmed by council.

Hoover Refutes Reports That Wheat Need Not Be Conserved

farmers and in storage. The normal consumption of our people during the next three months would be 120,000,-000. A large part of the 75,000,000 bushels on hand must be exported. a thousand times out there, tried to Therefore it is honoremone. Therefore it is necessary for our peo-

Iowa State College Dedicates everything is as it was, and that noth-

picture appears as the frontispiece of the handsome volume, with the legend, "In grateful tribute to Gur-don W. Wattles, who has given so willingly that the less fortunate might enjoy the possibilities of a col-lege education."

to a student loan fund for the col-lege. The fund has now reached 7,000. Seniors and juniors can draw on it for loans if their records show them worthy. No security is required, but the student pays 5 per cent interest until he graduates and 6 per-cent thereafter until he repays the loan.

Wheat Abstainance Appeal

Nebraska received Hoover's appeal to abstain from the use of wheat until next harvest without a dissenting voice, according to information from county food administrators to Gurdon W. Wattles. Throughout the state, ministers

who read the appeal from their pulpits encouraged rigid observance of the request and in many' localities, congregations passed unanimous res-olutions to abide by the request.

Three Men Sentenced for Selling Booze to Soldiers

Edward King, John Murray and R. H. Toner, arrested recently by military police from Fort Omaha and charged with selling liquor to soldiers in uniform, were sentenced to 30 days imprisonment by Judge Woodrough

Ure, Falconer and Butler were now he sets off quietly, with his long,

As he walks along he is among scenes familiar to him since his boy-The appointment by Park Commis-sioner Falconer of 22 playground for him. And he is pretty sure to supervisors at \$75 per month, 14 life meet old friends. They nod to him guards at \$70 per month, 12 clothes pleasantly, and with a smile, but there is no excitement, no strangeness, in their greeting. For all the emotion they show, these folk to whom he has

come back, as from the grave, they might have seen him yesterday, and the day before that, and the war never have been at all. And Jock thinks nothing of it that they are not more A telegram was received Tuesday excited about him. You and I may be by State Food Administrator Wat-tles from National Food Ad- not his idea about himself. He is just ministrator Hoover refuting reports a Tommy, home on leave from circulated to the effect that conserva- France-one of a hundred thousand, tion of wheat is no longer necessary. maybe. And if he thought at all about "Statements have been circulated the way his home folk greeted him it

that food administration officials de- would be just so-that he could not clare further conservation of wheat expect them to be making a fuss about is unnecessary," says the telegram. one soldier out of so many. And, "No such statements have been made. since he, Jock, is not much excited. On the contrary, conservation is not much worked up, because he is urgently necessary until the coming seeing these good folk again, he does harvest if we are to send the required not think it strange that they are not amount of wheat to our soldiers and more excited about the sight of him. allies. There are at present 75,000,000 It would be if they did make a fuss bushels of wheat in the hands of the over him and welcome him loudly,

remember every line and corner of it. ple to use not more than one-third of their normal supply of wheat dur-ing the next three months." And maybe, as he looks down the quiet village street, he is thinking of how different France was. And, deep how different France was. And, deep down in his heart, Jock is glad that

"Bomb" to Director Wattles ing has been changed. He could not tell you why; he could not put his This year's issue of "The Bomb," annual publication of the junior class at Iowa State college, is dedicated to Gurdon W. Wattles of Omaha. His nichture annual state and the forst identities of the f

Mr. Wattles worked his way through this college when he was a poor boy, receiving 10 cents an hour for his work. Seven years ago Mr. Wattle agreed to give \$1,000 a year to a student loan fund for the col. up at his coming, and their happmess shines for a moment in their eyes. But they are not the sort of people to show their emotion or make a fuss. Mother and girls will rise and kiss him, and begin to take his gear, and his father will shake him by the hand. "Well," the father will ask, "how

are you getting along, lad?" And—"All right," he will answer. That is the British soldier's answer Favorably Met in Nebraska to that question, always and everywhere.

Then he sits down happy and at rest, and lights his pipe, maybe, and looks about the old room which holds so many memories for him. And sup-

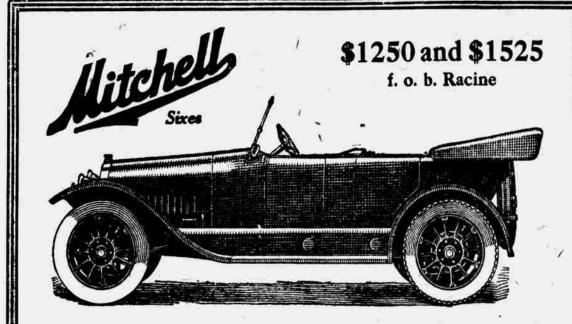


Eavenworth streets. Line Falconer and Putton in the drivers. He has been used to lucky enough to get home on leave— he wanted to go anywhere, and so of boys with whom he grew up, who in Falconer and Putton in the drivers. He has been used to lucky enough to get home on leave— he wanted to go anywhere, and so of boys with whom he grew up, who is a remark by Mayor Smith ment will be in Forerst Lawn. have gone west. libel," was a remark by Mayor Smith

So it goes on for several days, each at city council meeting. day the same. Jock is quietly happy. A communication had been read. It is no task to entertain him; he protesting against the appointment of does not want to be entertained. The Henry Bridwell, as plumbing inpeace and quiet of home are enough spector. for him; they are change enough from the turmoil of the front and the cease-less grind of the life in the army in France. France. And then Jock's leave nears its end, Master Plumbers' association. France.

and it is time for him to go back. He | No action was taken on the protest. | larceny.

Three Alleged Auto Thieves **Bound Over to District Court** Charles Barker, Clarence Love and



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